

Welcome to Workshop No. 2

Review

- *End goal?*

Negotiation of a New Water Supply Agreement between the Parties re deliveries from the SCWA Aqueduct System.

- *Who are the Parties?*

Sonoma County Water Agency; Cities of Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, Windsor; and, Forestville, North Marin, Marin Municipal and Valley of Moon Water Districts.

- *Who do the Parties serve?*

Population of 505,700 in Sonoma and Marin Counties

Major Components of System

- Diversion facilities at River (collectors, rubber dam, infiltration ponds)
- Pumps and steel storage tanks
- Major Aqueducts *
 - Santa Rosa
 - Sonoma,
 - Petaluma
 - Cotati to Russian River Intertie
- * North Marin Aqueduct connects to system and serves Novato and Marin Municipal W. D.

Need for New Agreement

- System expansion issues (timing, how to finance, cost, and cost allocations)
- Summer-time shortages (interim impairment)
- Conservation/recycling
- Watershed issues (including Potter Valley Project)
- ESA issues and potential cost
- Consolidate the three agreements
- Representation issues (Marin Municipal and Windsor)
- Integrated planning and management Issues
- Agreement governance issues

Three Water Supply Agreements

- Eleventh Amended Agree (Cities of Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, and Forestville, North Marin, Valley of Moon WDs)
- Supplemental Water Supply Agree* (Marin Municipal WD)
- MOU re Interim Impairment (all of the above + Town of Windsor)

* Actually 3 separate agreements.

Parties Have Agreed:

- To move ahead with a negotiation plan
- Schedule (about 2 years)
- Including Public Participation from the outset via:
 - 6 Workshops
 - New Agreement web site (Info. and comments)
- This effort is in addition to the normal hearing input process.

Workshop Schedule

Workshop Schedule:

1. September 20, 2001 – identify issues
2. December 6, 2001 – comment on issues
3. February 2002 – further discussion of issues *
4. April 2002 – review initial draft of agreement
5. July 2002 – discuss Endangered Species Act issues
6. March 2002 – review final draft of agreement

* Set for Feb 28th at Petaluma Community Center at Lucchesi Park, 320 N. McDowell Blvd

Plan for Workshop No. 2

1. Recap issues identified in Workshop 1
2. Hear your comments on:
 - Issues
 - draft Vision Statement
3. Identify issues needing further discussion
4. Presentation on Integrated Water Resource Planning (IWRP) process

Recap of Workshop No. 1

- Attendance.....103
- Comments 354
- Key Issues or Comment Areas
 - Main categories.....14
 - key issues/comments..... 30

Main Category Recap:

- Conservation (62)
- Environmental Impacts & Mitigations (35)
- Watershed Management (30)
- Water Supply (29)
- Recycled Water (28)
- Agreement Governance (27)
- Financing and Cost Allocations (16)

Main Category Recap Continued:

- General Plan Relationships (15)
- Ground Water (14)
- Water Quality (12)
- Potter Valley Project (12)
- Gravel Mining (11)
- Transmission Project Design and Scheduling (8)
- Better Communication (8)

Key Issues

- After deleting certain issues that fall outside of the scope of the present negotiation, i.e.:
 - governance of SCWA by a different board
 - Limiting growth other than by general plan dictates
 - decisions on gravel mining permits/fees
 - flood control operations and permits
- 30 key issues in 14 categories were identified (see Key Issues handout)

Key Issues - Conservation

1. Support and urging for more conservation incentives.
2. More public education/involvement, more effort to notice renters.
3. Don't use saved water for growth.
4. Support for tiered water rates for users.

Key Issues – Environmental Impacts and Mitigations

5. Concern for cumulative regional impacts, cost to environment, plan re. Endangered Species Act (ESA).
6. ESA impacts on need for filtration plant.
7. Impact of diversions from Russian River on fish.

Key Issues – Watershed Management

8. Need Watershed Management Plan.
9. Goal should be sustainability.

Key Issues – Water Supply

- 10. Live within limits of watershed/available supply
- 11. Need regional master water plan/policy
- 12. Clear up water rights, pin down in agreement

Key Issues – Recycled Water

- 13. Promote and expand use of recycled water.
- 14. Define recycled use plans better. Set goals.
- 15. Upgrade treatment of wastewater and use for ground water recharge.

Key Issues – Agreement Governance

16. Upgrade WAC, improve diversity of representation.

Key Issues – Financing and Cost Allocation

17. Equity between current and future customers a concern. Current customers too burdened.
18. Equitable cost distribution among contractors a concern.

Key Issues – General Plan Relationships

- 19. Synchronization, relationship of water plans and General Plans a concern.
- 20. Growth inducing impacts of water supply are a concern.

Key Issues – Ground Water

21. Study/promote ground water recharge including construction of detention ponds.
22. Measure ground water depletion and replacement.

Key Issues – Water Quality

23. Reduce/eliminate harmful chemical discharges, pharmaceuticals, etc.

Key Issues – Potter Valley Project

- 24. Concerns about Eel River diversion impacts on Eel River.
- 25. Importance of Eel River diversions to Russian River interests.

Key Issues – Gravel Mining

- 26. Impact of gravel mining practice on need for filtration plant and cost.
- 27. Gravel mining impacts on River water quality and environment.

Key Issues – Transmission Project Design and Scheduling

28. Need to tailor Transmission Project scheduling to local needs. Don't build planned elements of the system until needed.

Key Issues – Better Communication

- 29. Better communication by SCWA of financial information to contractors and others.
- 30. Better sharing by SCWA of information.

Report on Issues

For each issue area, report sets forth:

- Key concerns and comments.
- Examines/explains how issues are addressed in existing agreements.
- Offers some possible responses to consider.

For Example: Water Supply

The key comments from participants were:

- Water Contractors should live within the water supply limitations of the River.
- New agreement needs to provide for a master water supply plan - one that will take into account all demands made on the River and means of meeting those demands including groundwater.
- Pin down water rights.
- Integrate water planning with ground water planning/local supplies.
- Concern over the impact of vineyard irrigation.

How Existing Agreement Addresses

- SCWA commits to construct additions to the existing transmission system sufficient to meet the entitlements.
- Entitlements are identified:
 - average day during maximum month flow rate
 - annual acre-foot cap

Caps are based on current adopted general plans and can be changed to conform to new general plans.

- Water shortage provisions are included and provide that SCWA will use best efforts to obtain and perfect sufficient water rights.

Some Possible Responses to Consider

- In the new agreement, include policy that funds the creation and periodic updating of an Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP).
- As part of the negotiation process review information on beneficial uses being made of Russian River waters and Eel River diversions.

Draft Vision Statement

From what we heard at Workshop No. and drawing from experience, a draft vision statement was also prepared (see handout).

In the Comment Period Ahead

Please provide your comments on the:

- Issues identified and/or others you feel important
- The possible responses offered for consideration and/or other responses you deem appropriate
- Draft Vision Statement

Workshop Ground Rules

- How many wish to comment?
- Given the time, we therefore ask each speaker keep comments to _____ minutes.
- Please wait to be recognized.
- Use the microphone and start by giving your name and, if applicable, your affiliation.
- You may also submit written comments on the 3 x 5 note cards.
- Comments will be recorded, typed up and provided to the Parties and posted on New Agreement web site. If digital copy of your comments is available, please let us know so that we can save wear and and tare on our typist.

Next Step

- Comments will be typed up, provided to the Parties and posted on website.
- Brief summary report to Parties at next WAC meeting (January 7, 2002).
- Consideration/adoption of Final Vision Statement by Parties.
- Discussion of issues needing further discussion at Workshop No. 3.

When: Thursday evening, February 28, 2002

Where: Petaluma Community Center, Lucchesi Park, 320 North McDowell Blvd

Also Note That:

- Additional comments may be submitted
 - at web site:
www.scwa.ca.gov
Click on “Water Advisory Committee”
Click on “New Agreement”
Click on “Public Outreach”
 - or by mail or fax to:
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1833 Castle Dr, Petaluma, CA 94954
Fax: 778-3566
- Need to submit additional comments by Dec. 25, 2001